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In re Application of:

Masahiro Sawada et al.

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Serial No.: 10/082,797

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Management and Location Information Providing System

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document (A1) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

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Respectfully submitted,

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